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1. Oktyabrsk is located south of a one-track rail line to Ufa. It can be reached by a road from the railroad stations of Urussu and Tuimazy, situated to the NW and NE respectively (see attachment). Oktyabrsk has its own railroad station under construction with one main track and four sidings. This new station lies exactly one kilometer east of a T-shaped highway intersection in the town. The distances from this intersection to the railroad stations of Urussu and Tuimazy are 13 km. and 22 km. respectively. About 1.5 km. west of the Oktyabrsk station and .5 km. west of the town, a river flows in a N-S direction.
2. Rail traffic with oil trains, which formerly was heavy, has not been observed since the summer of 1948, probably because a pipeline (50 cm. in diameter) to Ufa has been in operation since that time.
3. The central oil-storage depot is visible on the vacant plain west of the nearest village along the road from Oktyabrsk to Tuimazy, about 2 km. east of the above mentioned intersection. The village, which has a single new factory-like building, extends to the oil-storage depot, which is about 1000 m. southeast of the Oktyabrsk railroad station.
4. The engine-fuel depot* consists of 3 rows of 4 tanks each and an additional row still under construction. Each tank is 12-15 m. high and about the same in diameter; they are painted dark. The new row of tanks adjoins these to the south.
5. In the village there is a boiler-house with 4 metal chimneys 30 m. long on the south side of the road. From here to the engine-fuel depot, a distance of 300-400 m., runs a pipeline. The exterior diameter of the pipe is about 25 cm. and the pipe is insulated with white insulating material. There (sic), on the north side, is a building which is barely visible from the road. Additional buildings are in the process of being built.
6. Opposite the boiler-house in the village, a road branches off to the north. It is newly built and narrower than the 6 m.-wide road to Tuimazy. The road

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extends one kilometer up a wooded mountain known as the "Oil Mountain". This mountain region is the main drilling center of the oil district of Oktyabrsk. Although the exact dimensions are not known, the area extends from the Urussu - Tuimazy railroad track to Oktyabrsk and is bounded by the roads from Oktyabrsk to Urussu and from Oktyabrsk to Tuimazy.

7. Isolated derricks are already set up around Oktyabrsk. Between the town and the engine-fuel depot (D on attachment) there are three derricks; on the other side of the road, to the south, there is one derrick even with the depot. Additional derricks are located along the road to Tuimazy, but, more especially along the road up the "Oil Mountain", where they are more numerous and closer together. New derricks are continually being put up. Temporary wooden drill-derricks are set up at first and later replaced by steel pump-derricks. The oil is said to be pumped from very deep wells (some as deep as 2000 m.). In April 1949, about 300 derricks were in operation.
8. North of the highway in Oktyabrsk, about even with the railroad station, an industrial plant is under construction. It is a construction about 400 m. long, located about 300 m. east of the fork in the road. Frames for three 80 m.-long buildings have been erected along the side of the road in this area. The construction is being done chiefly by Soviet convicts, who are often employed in the East on road and digging work (laying of oil lines).

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* Apparently this is the same as, or part of, the central oil-storage depot.

Attachment: Sketch of Oilfield in the Oktyabrsk Area

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